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Dear Uncle:

I received your letter some time ago I don't know whether I answered it or not but now is a good time for all the excitement is over which I guess you all celebrate over there. We sure had a little thrilling experience over here for a while and I guess we gave the Germans a thrill at the same time at least we gave them all we could in the length of time we had and would have given them more if they hung on any longer which was impossible for them for they stayed their limit. They did not give up they were just beaten so bad they could not do any thing more is my idea of it, from what I have seen of their side of it. The people here say they had only a few horses left and part of the wagons were pulled by hand and dogs and any way they could get back. After the Armistice was signed the men turned against their Officers and had quite a fuss at Brussels They did not want to go back to Germany so that goes to show the condition Germany must be in when her own soldiers refused to go back to their own country. I could like to write some of my experiences in this letter but I am a poor hand at writing and will be able to tell you more any way when I return home which I think will be soon. We have been in Belgium for about a month of a half was in one battle where we captured Audenarde and gained 9 kilometers and was on line again ready for attack when the good news came to us in a way we were surprised for there had been so much peace talk but we knew it would come before long for we had them just about corraled in two places and they were just murdering themselves to stay with it. Well I will ring off for this time as ever.

Your nephew

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